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Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member how, seeing that nearly 7,000 acres of land have been damaged, the ryots escaped loss?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The report says that practically there was no loss. If water flows over a certain land, it is not necessarily destroyed."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know what the word 'damage' means if it is not loss to the ryots?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"A crop may be damaged without being entirely lost."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Then does the Government admit that there has been some loss?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Possibly only damage for the time being."

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"Is it not a fact that the ryots lost crops worth a lakh of rupees?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Not that I know of."

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon:—"It is stated in the appendix to the answer that the approximate extent on which crop was damaged by the flood was 6,565 acres. The crops were tender having been partly raised in July and partly in August. Ryots are reploughing the fields which are dried up and raising fresh crops. Does it not mean that the first crop was lost?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"It had to be replanted in some cases."

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon:—"Was not the labour on the first crop wasted? Will they get back anything for it?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Probably not."

Mr. K. P. Raman Menon:—"Is that not damage?"

11-30 a.m. The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"Yes, Sir, as stated in the answer, there was some damage."

Execution of drainage schemes recommended by the Settlement officer, Guntur district.

* 296 *Q.*—Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state what drainage schemes or part of the schemes recommended by the Settlement officer in the Guntur district have been carried out after the last resettlement?

A.—The Government have not the information but have called for a report.

Mr. P. V. Krishnayya Choudari:—"May I know when the report will be received?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I cannot say."

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Mr. P. V. KRISHNAYYA CHOUDARI:—" When it is received, will it be laid on the table of the House? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The suggestion will be considered."

Revival of the Rasipur taluk.

* 297 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether orders have been passed in respect of reviving Rasipur taluk in Salem district;

(*b*) if so, whether a copy of the order will be placed on the table; and

(*c*) if not, what the reasons are for the delay and at what stage the matter now is?

A.—(*a*), (*b*) & (*c*) No orders have been passed on the question of the restoration of the old Rasipur taluk in the Salem district. Certain particulars called for from the Board of Revenue have now been received and the proposals are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the hon. the Revenue Member will state roughly when the Rasipur taluk was abolished and why it is sought to be restored? "

The hon. Sir ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL:—" The question is still under consideration. As regards the question as to when it was abolished, I must ask for notice."

Assignment of a portion of the water-spread area of Illippili tank in Tiruchengodu taluk to a Kangani.

* 298 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. NACHIYAPPA GOUNDER: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the extent is of poramboke lands in each taluk in Salem district fit for cultivation;

(*b*) why they have not been assigned;

(*c*) whether it is regarded as objectionable to assign them;

(*d*) whether a portion of the water-spread area of Illippili tank in Tiruchengodu taluk of Salem district has been assigned to one Kangani in spite of vehement objections by the villagers; and

(*e*) if so, what the reasons therefor are and why the objections of the villagers have been left unheeded?

A.—(*a*) The Government have not the information and it is not possible to ascertain the extent of poramboke lands fit for cultivation in each taluk without an elaborate enquiry.

(*b*) & (*c*) Porambokes are generally reserved for Government purposes or for the communal use of the villagers. If any poramboke or any portion thereof is not required for the purpose for which it is reserved it may be transferred to 'assessed waste' and assigned.

(*d*) & (*e*) The Government have no information.